

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Applicant is submitting two replacement drawing sheets including Figures 11, 12 and 14. Reference element 2a has been added to Figure 12 and Reference element L/2 has been added to Fig. 14. No new matter has been added.

Attachments: Two replacement drawing sheets.

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 are all the claims pending in the application.

I. Formalities

Applicant thanks the Examiner for acknowledging the claim for foreign priority and for confirming receipt of the certified copy of the priority document.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that the formal drawings filed on August 5, 2003 have been accepted.

Applicant also thanks the Examiner for initialing and returning a copy of the form PTO-1449 submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement filed on November 7, 2003.

II. Objections to the Specification and Modifications to the Drawings

The Examiner has objected to the specification for allegedly containing numerous grammatical errors. Applicant is submitting herewith a Substitute Specification (clean version and a redline version). No new matter has been added.

Applicant respectfully requests that the objection to the specification be withdrawn.

Applicant has also added reference element 2a to Fig. 12 and reference element L/2 to Fig. 14.

III Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 112

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-11 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention.

Applicant submits that the modifications to claims 1 and 7 obviate the rejection.

IV. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 1-11 would be allowable if the §112, second paragraph, rejection to claims 1 and 7 were overcome. Applicant submits that the modifications to claims 1 and 7 overcome the §112, second paragraph, rejection and the application is in condition for allowance.

V. Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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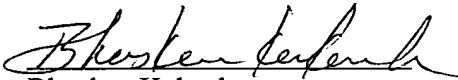
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